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September 2, 2010

Chair Hoppin and Board Member Baggett  
State Water Resources Control Board  
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Dear Chair Hoppin and Board Member Baggett:

### REQUESTS FOR OFFICIAL NOTICE BY SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND BY MUSSI, PAK AND YOUNG, AND CENTRAL AND SOUTH DELTA WATER AGENCIES

The Division of Water Rights Prosecution Team received copies of a request for official notice of certain documents from counsel for San Joaquin County and San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, dated August 30, 2010, in regards to the Mussi, Pak and Young, and Dunkel CDO hearings. The Prosecution Team also received copies of a request from Mussi, Pak and Young and the Central and South Delta Water Agencies for official notice of certain other documents and for cross-incorporation of the evidence and records presented in the Woods Irrigation Company CDO hearing, the Mussi CDO hearing, the Pak and Young CDO hearing and the Dunkel CDO hearing. The Prosecution Team opposes portions of these requests for the reasons discussed below.

In regards to the San Joaquin County and San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District's request for official notice dated August 30, 2010, both Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B" to that request are inappropriate documents for official notice. As mentioned in the August 30 request, the Board may take official notice of "such facts as may be judicially noticed by the courts of this state." (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 648.2.) The request goes on to cite Evidence Code section 452 for the types of facts which a court may take judicial notice of. Specifically, the request attempt to fit Exhibits "A" and "B" under the category of Evidence Code section 452, subdivision (c) – "Official acts of the legislative, executive, and judicial department of the United States and of any state of the United States."

The San Joaquin County and San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District's request for official notice does not, however, provide any explanation as to how these documents, which do not bear any of the indicia of being either "official" or "acts", fit under the umbrella of Evidence Code section 452, subdivision (c). Contrary to San Joaquin County and San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District's contention, these documents are not appropriate for official notice, and should have been presented at the hearing if the parties wished to rely upon them as evidence.

If the Board chooses to take official notice of these documents notwithstanding the deficiencies identified herein, the Prosecution Team recommends the Board follow its position taken with

regards to these same documents in the Woods Irrigation Company CDO hearing, where the Board held

the State Water Board will take official notice that these documents were posted on the Board's website, without accepting them for the truth of the matter asserted.

(Hearing Officer's Ruling, July 19, 2010, Woods Irrigation Company CDO Hearing, p. 6.)

In regards to the Mussi, Pak and Young and Central and South Delta Water Agencies' request for cross-incorporation and official notice of the evidence and records presented in the Woods Irrigation Company CDO hearing, the Mussi CDO hearing, the Pak and Young CDO hearing and the Dunkel CDO hearing, the Prosecution Team likewise opposes this request.

The parties to the Woods Irrigation Company Hearing made a similar request in that proceeding, the resolution of which was that the parties would present a stipulation as to what evidence could be integrated from one hearing to another. (Woods Irrigation Company CDO Hearing Reporter's Transcript, pp. 901-906.) To date the Prosecution Team has not seen any draft stipulation to that effect, and would therefore echo Board Member Pettit's problem with "the legal concern we would have about just merging records without any forethought." (*Id.*)

Without any concrete proposal to integrate only certain portions of the records, the Prosecution Team remains opposed to this request. Not all of the proceedings were noticed together, nor were they all heard together. The issues and evidence in the proceedings were not identical and should not be further muddled by mixing together the separate records. Contrary to Mussi, Pak and Young and Central and South Delta Water Agencies' contention, the Prosecution Team has not agreed to the request being made here. Other than a previous limited proposal to use specific testimony from one proceeding in another (see Mussi, Pak and Young and Central and South Delta Water Agencies' request for Official Notice, p. 3), the Prosecution Team has never expressed agreement with a broad-brush use of evidence or testimony from one hearing in another.

Considering the lengths that the Board and all parties went to to make clear records for the proceedings, including presenting the same evidence and testimony anew in each separate proceeding as applicable, there is no good reason to integrate testimony and evidence that the parties did not feel was necessary to bring up in a particular hearing. I'm sure the Board would agree that the parties were very thorough in presenting evidence for each proceeding so that each record was clear.

For these reasons, the San Joaquin County and San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District's request for official notice and the Mussi, Pak and Young and Central and

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South Delta Water Agencies' request for cross-incorporation of the records of the various proceedings should be denied.

Sincerely,



David Rose  
Staff Counsel  
Division of Water Rights Prosecution Team

**PROOF OF SERVICE**

I, Wanda Warriner, declare that I am over 18 years of age and not a party to the within action. I am employed in Sacramento County at 1001 I Street, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Sacramento, California 95814. My mailing address is P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-0100. On this date, September 2, 2010 I served the within documents:

LETTER REGARDING REQUESTS FOR OFFICIAL NOTICE BY SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND BY MUSSI, PAK AND YOUNG, AND CENTRAL AND SOUTH DELTA WATER AGENCIES

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I certify and declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and that this document was executed on September 2, 2010 at Sacramento, California.

  
Wanda J. Warriner  
Legal Secretary